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President's Letter

Kris Rose, President

Dear Members,

We have made it through another New England winter and now spring is on the horizon. I hope all of you are well and that some were able to escape to warmer climates if only for a short time.

If you attended the February program on Roger Williams, sponsored by the East Providence library and the historical society, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. For those who missed it, we will try to present the program again. It will be well worth seeing/listening to again.

Good news!! The Hunt House Museum land area has been accepted as a Rhode Island Master Gardner site. A big thank you to Jeff and Cheryl Faria and Nancy Moore for their help in making it happen.

Beginning in April, the Peregrine Group (they are developing the Rumford Mill site) will conduct walk-throughs of the site on Saturday mornings so the neighbors and any others who are interested can see the continuing progress. When we have a time, it will be passed on to the members. Many of you have probably noticed that the original building has been moved to a new site on the property. That is the first step in renovation.

If any of you have children/grandchildren who need community service hours or are interested yourself, we will be having a Hunt House Museum spring clean-up on Saturday, April 12, 2008, starting at 9:00 a.m. We will be dusting, washing, vacuuming and cleaning out the attic. "Many hands make light work." Anyone interested, please call Kris Rose, 434-5581.

Reminder..... The March 24 members meeting will be a Pot-luck supper. When the telephone committee calls,

please be ready to make or bake a contribution. If you think the recipe you use is especially good, please provide a copy of it to share with the rest of us. Hope to see you there.

POT LUCK SUPPER/ MEMBERS MEETING

**Monday, March 24 (4th Monday) 6 p.m.
Newman Church, Rumford**

The Telephone Committee will be calling the membership requesting their presence at the Pot Luck supper. Bring along a favorite food of your choosing. It could be animal, vegetable orchocolate.

A business meeting will follow.



CAPE VERDEAN MUSEUM EXHIBIT *presents:*

**The Cape Verdean Heritage Hall of Fame
2008 Banquet and Awards Ceremony
Saturday, April 5, 2008
Cocktails: 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner: 7:00p.m.
Venus de Milo, Swansea, MA
Music by Ivo Pires and his Band
Further information: 401 228-7292**

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The Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford will be open on Sunday, April 13, 1 to 4 p.m.

Admission \$3. \$1 East Providence Residents. Free, Society Members

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

"A notice requesting qualified candidates to come forth will be placed in the March issue of the newsletter", 'Duties of Ad-Hoc Committees'.

Any member wishing to seek office may contact the society, 438-1750, and get in the running.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE MAY MEETING ONLY.

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting, June 23.

The East ● Providence ● Historical ● Society is dedicated to preserving the heritage and enjoying the history of our City.

If you are not a member we invite you to join now.

Annual dues are \$15 individual, \$25 family or business, or a Life Membership for \$150.

Please make check payable to:

East Providence Historical Society

and mail with form below to:

**Mona Breault, 23 Case Street,
 Rumford, RI 02916**

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

Lowell Anness - Invitation and program for the 1936 dedication of Roger Williams Spring.

Marilyn Brewer - Collection of photos of her neighborhood: Orlo and Irving Avenues.

Tom Brun - a copy and CD of the program presented when the EPHS visited the Indoor Tennis Court

Suzanne Dearnley - St. Mary's Church pamphlets.

Beverly Simmons - Photos of the Simmons family and the Crescent Park Carousel

Irwin Zonis - Two original drawings by Helen Wilson Sherman, granddaughter of George Wilson, Rumford Chemical Company. She drew all the pictures for the chemical company's 80th anniversary booklet including the two mentioned. 'Google' her. She was a world famous artist and drew Mrs. Bush's dog, Millie.

Thank you. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Membership Form New Renewal /Change

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Amount Enclosed:

\$15 Individual **\$25 Family/Business** **\$150 Life**



MARCH

Monday, March 24 (4th Monday) 6 p.m.
Members Meeting *Public Invited*
Newman Church, Rumford
POTLUCK SUPPER

March 1 - 28 Providence URI Campus
"Irish Heritage in RI: The Women's Story"

APRIL

Wednesday, April 2, 7 p.m.
Board Meeting *Members Welcome*
Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m.
Spring Clean-Up
Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Monday, April 28, 6 p.m.
Members Meeting *Public Invited*
Newman Church, Rumford
Program to be Announced

MAY

Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m.,
Board Meeting *Members Welcome*
Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Saturday, May 10
Opening Exhibit:
"The Historic Buildings of E.P.: Those Still
Standing, Those Gone Forever".
Hunt House Museum
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

HUNT HOUSE MUSEUM NEWS

The Hunt House Museum has historic artifacts on display at the Providence URI campus (the former Shepard's store) as part of the "Irish Heritage in Rhode Island: The Women's Story" exhibition. One of our members, Mary McManus, is featured in the display. It runs from March 1 through March 28th. Admission is free.

On May 10, the Hunt House Museum will open a new exhibition entitled "The Historic Buildings of East Providence: Those Still Standing and Those Gone Forever". May 10 coincides with the statewide Open Houses of the Historic Sites Coalition sponsored by Preserve Rhode Island and honoring May as Preservation Month.

**WARM WELCOME
 TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

*Mary Ann Pieri
 Richard Teneych*

TOUR OF HISTORIC EAST PROVIDENCE

The 6th annual historic East Providence bus tour will take place on Saturday, April 19, 2008, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The tour is sponsored by the historical society and the East Providence Chamber of Commerce.

The bus leaves from and returns to the Hunt House Museum. Hunts Mills Road, Rumford.

The tour includes the 'Ring of the Green', Phillipsdale, Rumford Mill (former chemical company) Watchemoket, Riverside and Crescent Park. **NEW, COMFORTABLE AIR CONDITIONED BUS.**

Dave Kelleher, historical society member, will serve as narrator. Historical society and chamber members, \$12. Non-members, \$15. Reservations are requested. Call the historical society, 438-1750 or the chamber of commerce, 438-1212.



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GARDENING TIPS

Master Gardner, Jeff Faria

MARCH - Pruning your rose bushes is best done on St. Patrick's Day. At this time you can begin to see where winter damage ends and new growth is beginning. Remove any winter protection and start by pruning dead, diseased or damaged canes. Then, prune to shape your plant. For hybrid teas, cut back long or lanky canes to promote new growth.

MARCH/APRIL - Start some seeds indoors in a sunny window. Choose some plants that either will look good, taste delicious or smell nice. Start them according to their package directions in some trays and potting soil. You may be able to transplant them to your garden once they have developed two sets of leaves, or thin them out in the container and grow them right inside, watching them develop into living green plants.

MARCH/APRIL - Although these early warm days may make you itch to get out into the garden, be aware of the moisture content of your soil. If it is still too soggy, try to hold off. Generally, if you can make a fistful and squeeze water out of it, it is still too early. Go back inside and order some seeds!